

## FLOODS IMPRISON PASSENGERS.

A Number of the Men Manned to Escape to Tacoma.

TACOMA, Jan. 6.—Forty of the penned-up men passengers of the two passenger trains at Maywood were able to get through to Palmer last night and the Northern Pacific immediately furnished a train of cars to bring them on to Tacoma. The party brought out from the imprisoned passengers the letters they had written to their families and friends, though by the time of their arrival here the company had reentered the wires as far as Lester, and such as wished had wired their friends of their predicament.

Northern Pacific officials believe the trains will be reached within two days and all the passengers brought to this city. Since the erection of the wire to Ellensburg it has been learned that the gas in the track at Martin is about half bridged. The company expects to have it completed in three days. Three days is the limit of time also fixed for bringing in the imprisoned passengers at Lester.

## THIEVES TORTURE AGED COUPLE.

Were Compelled to Tell Where Their Wealth Was Concealed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Levi Eicher, aged 58 years, and his wife, residing in Springfield township, have been tortured by masked thieves, says a Press dispatch from Connellsville, Pa., until they told where their money was hidden. The robbers held a lighted lamp to Mr. Eicher's feet and burned them until the flesh fell off before he would consent to show them the strong box in which \$25 in bills was hidden. They then bound the victims to the bed and left them, taking a horse and saddle from a barn. Eicher, it is said, recognized one of the thieves.

## CATTLEMAN DIES.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 6.—Hector Reel of Cheyenne is dead at St. Augustine hospital, St. Augustine, Fla., of Bright's disease. Mr. Reel was associated in the largest cattle business of western Wyoming with his mother and Ralph Friend.

## ICE YACHTS WILL RACE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Hudson river ice yachtsmen, according to the News, are preparing to enter their craft in the international races which are to be held from January 20 to 24 on Gull Lake, Kalamazoo, Mich., where pennants, cup and money prizes are to be competed for.

The Kalamazoo club is having built a defender that is to be bigger in ex-

ery way than the Jack Frost or the Hudson. The new yacht, which is called the Wolverine, will spread 800 feet of sail; backbone, five feet; mast, 20 feet. The Jack Frost spreads but 720 feet of sail and is 28 feet broad at the runners. All races are to be at 20 miles and with a time limit of one hour and 15 minutes.

## RICHARD MANZILL DEAD.

He Was an Astronomer and Authority on Weather.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Richard Manzill, astronomer, scientist and author, is dead at Rock Island, Ill., of Bright's disease, aged 74 years. He was a native of Staffordshire, England, but had resided in Rock Island since he was 20 years of age.

His annual "Almanac of Planetary Meteorology" was first published in 1876 and appeared regularly until 1901. It circulated over the country and in England and was accepted as standard everywhere.

## DIED OF JOY.

Searched Seventeen Years for Gold and Success Killed Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—David Thompson, one of the best known prospectors in the Black Hills, over which country he has hunted gold for 17 years, struck a ledge of great richness and after 10 minutes of demonstrations of delight fell dead, says a dispatch to the Tribune from Roubalix, S. D. An examination made later by physicians showed a blood vessel in the brain to have been ruptured.

## MANY SUICIDES.

Epidemic of Self Murder Rages in New York City.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Suicide seems to be epidemic in this city, says the News. Reports of self destruction kept coming into the coroner's office in a steady stream yesterday, and the medical examiners were busy holding post-mortems and making preliminary examinations.

Eleven cases have been reported up to dark.

## MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Grade crossings and general improvements that will cost \$1,000,000 are being undertaken by the New York Central management of the Boston & Albany railroad, says a Times dispatch from Boston. The Boston & Albany is required to stand 65 percent of the cost. Over \$100,000 is to be expended in track ballasting and \$250,000 on engine houses.

## FOR THE DUSE THEATER.

Great Italian Actress Receives Check From Miss Morgan.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, has subscribed \$1000 to the fund with which Mme. Eleanor Duse, the Italian actress, proposes to build an Italian national theater on the shores of Lake Albino, near Rome. The ground for the theater, together with gardens, were recently donated by Count Frankenstein, a friend of the actress and a liberal patron of the arts.

Miss Morgan's gift is part of a fund of \$21,000 subscribed by 21 women at the Duse dinner recently given at the Italian embassy at Washington. Mme. Duse has had the plan in mind for several years, and at the dinner she gave a brief outline to several of the guests. Miss Morgan, it is said, became interested immediately and said she would be willing to contribute if a check would be acceptable. Mme. Duse accepted the offer and Miss Morgan sent her a check for \$1000. She then placed the matter before the other guests of the Italian embassy and 20 ladies promised to donate like amounts.

## ARMOUR WILL CORNER BUTTER.

Agents for the Firm Negotiate to Get Monopoly on the Product.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Representatives of Armour & Co. of Chicago have been through the dairy sections of central and northern New York, says a Syracuse dispatch to the Times, asking the creameries to name terms under which that firm could purchase the entire butter output of this district, amounting to several million pounds of first-class creamery butter per annum. No terms of contract have been offered by the agents, who have simply asked the creameries to name prices at which they will sell, exclusively to Armour & Co.

## GETS WARM RECEPTION.

Stranger Hit With a Club and Robbed of His Money.

REDLANDS, Cal., Jan. 6.—F. S. Spaulding of Cleveland, O., who is stopping at San Bernardino and came here to look after some property, was held up and robbed by two men, who hit him with a club, breaking his shoulder and also bruising him severely. The highwaymen secured a diamond stud and also \$56 in money.

## BEECHER MEMORIAL FUND.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—An anonymous gift of \$10,000 to a proposed fund for a memorial to Henry Ward Beech-

er has been made. It is expected the fund will reach a total of \$100,000.

Booker T. Washington has been appointed to represent the negroes on the general committee, and P. M. Arthur to represent organized labor.

## QUIET IS RESTORED.

Exciting Scenes Caused by Locating Are Over.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Jan. 6.—The mad rush for oil land locations that took place here the first of the year is practically over. Most of the locating parties have returned to their starting points. Exciting times in all parts of the field are reported. In many cases shots were exchanged, but evidently with more intent to frighten locaters away than to cause bloodshed, as far as can be learned no one being seriously injured.

## MINISTER TO LIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The president will shortly approve of Doctor Lyons, a colored preacher at Baltimore, as United States minister to Liberia.

## LIVE NOTES FROM OVER THE SEAS.

New York Commercial: In times of cholera, typhoid and other infectious diseases butter is a dangerous thing to eat. A medical man in Egypt gives this recipe for making it harmless: "Sterilize the local article by standing in a covered jar surrounded by boiling water which should be allowed to simmer for two hours; the jar should then be put on ice, and the butter beaten with an egg whisk until it becomes solid again."

Since Japan has gone to school in Europe and America her influence throughout the east has been steadily growing. In the matter of China where no European merchant has ever thought of going, the Japanese are locating themselves, and in Manchuria, where Russia is supposed to have supreme control, the Japanese traders outnumber the Russians 50 to 5.

An invalid on his way from Basle, Switzerland, to a sanitarium at Davos, was arrested at Zurich the other day on the charge of stealing two trunks, and taken back to Basel, where he was locked up and not allowed to summon a physician. The next day he was found innocent and discharged. Two days later he died, leaving a widow and several children.

Summing up his observations in Africa, Sir H. M. Stanley says that the tallest man he found lived in high alti-

tudes from 5000 feet above sea-level and upwards; the sturdiest from 3000 to 5000; the shortest, excepting the pygmies, from sea-level to 3000 feet.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY IN RAILROADING.

The Electrical World states that during the passage of special trains between Toronto and Montreal wireless telegraph signals were received as the train passed St. Dominique at a speed of sixty miles an hour. No special attempt was made to signal to a great distance, but the train remained in communication with the station while it was passing over a distance of about 10 miles. This preliminary success may be the forerunner of entirely new methods of operating railways.

## VOLCANOS AND HUMANITY.

In these days of many colds that are hard to cure, it is unpleasant to be reminded that influenza and volcanic disturbances have some association, though the relation may be only one of coincidence. The tendency of the complaint to make its appearance with volcanic disturbances was noted in the eighteenth century. In the fourth volume of "The New Wonderful Magazine" is a statement that the immense volcanic eruption in the northern island of Ireland in 1783 and the earthquakes were accompanied by the influenza—a disorder hitherto unaccounted for," states the paper—which spread throughout Europe.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Smart City Visitor (showing a chestnut burr)—Say, Rube, what d'ye call this?  
Rube—You dern fool! That's a porcupine's egg.

"You say the man stole your umbrella?" "Well, I don't want to be too sure about it. He may have been the original owner."

Little Willie—Say, pa, this book says nature never wastes anything.  
Pa—I guess that's right, my son.  
Willie—Then what's the use of a cow having two horns when she can't even play on one.

"Papa," said the 7 year old, "is heaven a nice place?" "Yes, my little daughter," replied the father. "It is said to be." "But you will never know for sure, will you, papa?"

Edith—Shall we go over to the Riffs to play ping-pong, or shall we have them come over here?

Edgar—Oh, lets go over there! Then if we get tired we can quit and come home.

## IN PLAIN FIGURES

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75c Grey Random Blankets .....\$ .59  
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\$3.75 Melrose Family Blanket .....\$2.75  
\$2.50 White California, 11x4 .....\$1.50  
\$5 Extra Heavy White California.....\$3.75  
75c White Crochet Bed Spreads .....60c  
\$1.75 Large Size Comforts, filled with Best Laminated Cotton .....\$1.25

## Handkerchiefs

25c Colored Border Handkerchiefs...10  
10c Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs .....50  
20c Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs .....100  
25c Fancy Lace Edge .....150  
Broken lines of Initial Silk Handkerchiefs for half price

## Ladies' and Misses' Vests

Left over from holiday trade.

75c Ladies' Heavy Fleece .....40c  
50c Ladies' Ribbed Vests .....25c  
35c Misses' Ribbed Vests .....20c

## REMNANTS

Of all kinds. Mill Ends and Drummers' Samples.

Of these we have two tables stacked high. The prices are all marked in plain figures, former price, also SALE PRICE.

## CORSETS

75c Boned Corsets .....40c  
\$1.50 Thompson corsets .....\$1  
\$1.75 R. & G. corsets .....\$1.49

## Mackintoshes

Misses' Mackintoshes, odd sizes first-class quality, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.25, 2.50 to .....\$3  
Ladies' Mackintoshes, all sizes, .....\$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50 to \$10

## Pillow Cases and Muslins

20c White Pillow Cases, 46x36.....11c  
6 1/2 Bleached and Unbleached Muslin .....4c  
10c Fruit of the Loom .....3 1/2c  
Pillow Case, Muslin, 1 1/4 yd wide .....12 1/2c  
12 1/2c Lonsdale .....10c  
\$1 Sheets, 63x90 .....50c  
25c 9x4 unbleached sheeting .....16c

## Fur Collarettes and Animal Scarfs at Prices Far Below Cost

## Men's and Boys' Wear

75c Overshirts, all sizes .....45c  
50c Fancy Ribbed Underwear .....25c  
75c Heavy Fleece Underwear .....45c  
\$1.25 Natural Wool Underwear .....90c  
\$2 All-Wool Buff Underwear .....\$1.50  
Men's Hats .....98c, \$1.25, \$1.49 to \$3  
\$1.50 Boys' Three-Piece Suits, during sale .....\$1.98  
\$2.50 Men's Suits, all sizes .....\$4.98  
Better quality .....\$10, \$11.50, \$12.50 to \$20

## SKIRTS

Ladies' and Misses' Underskirts, Made of Dainty cloth, white and colored, during sale for .....\$1.50  
Same, with double row lace trimming .....75c  
Black Mercerised Saten Skirts .....40c  
Better quality, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.69, 1.85 \$4.50  
White Muslin Underwear at Greatly Reduced Prices.

## Rainy Day Skirts

Dress Skirts and Walking Skirts, latest style, sale prices, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.50 to \$5

## Ladies' and Children's Hose

12 1-2 c Seamless cotton .....8c  
35c Ladies' Congo Black .....25c  
35c Cashmere Hose .....25c  
35c Children's Imported Cashmere hose .....25c

Dress Goods, Silks and Linings all Reduced--Ribbons of all Kinds Reduced--Liberty, Gros Grain and Satin Notions of all Kinds 1c up--Umbrellas of all Kinds reduced during Sale--Ladies' Capes, Coats and Jackets from \$1.49 up--No Reserve--Sale Lasts Thirty Days